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Examiner: Unknown  
Title: CONTACT START PLASMA ARC TORCH AND METHOD  
OF INITIATING A PILOT ARC  
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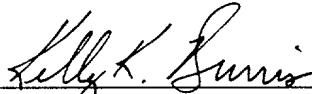
1. Substitute drawings for the above-identified patent application, which are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84;
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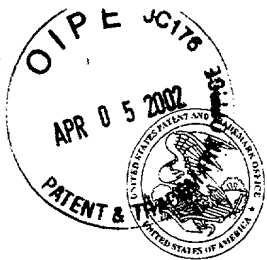
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